

REMARKS

Claim 19 was objected to and has been amended to address the item raised by the Examiner.

The drawings were objected to and the specification has been amended to eliminate reference to numeral 100.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph. Claim 13 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis issue.

Claims 23-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly anticipated by Scallie et al, US Pub. No. 2002/0154214. Claims 23-25 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 26-29.

Claim 26 recites "wherein said volume manager accesses a preferred viewer position and controls the orientation of graphical information within one of said regions in response to said preferred viewer position; wherein said preferred viewer position is detected by a sensor." In applying Scallie, the Examiner references certain sensors disclosed in paragraph [0069]. These sensors, however, are not used by Scallie to detect preferred viewer position which controls orientation of graphical information as recited in claims 26. Thus, Scallie does not teach or suggest the features of claim 26.

Claim 27 recites "visual objects within said spatial display are distinguished from each other by displaying a platter beneath each visual object." The Examiner cites to paragraphs [0029] and [0066] of Scallie, but these paragraphs only refer to overlaying display elements. There is no discussion of using platters to distinguish objects. Furthermore, the features of claims 28 and 29 related to manipulating platters are completely absent from Scallie. Thus, Scallie does not teach or suggest the features of claims 27-29.

For the above reasons, claims 26-29 are patentable over Scallie.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

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